Nevada City Grass Valley NUGGET

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NID OFFICIALS ARE SCORED AT MEETING

Directors of Nevada irrigation district Friday approved a $486,000 budget for 1950 at an all-day session that lasted into the evening, punctuated by a constant barrage of criticism and demands for policy changes. The budget is an increase of $81,000 over 1949.

A packed gallery contained many protestants against a tax levy of five percent in the water district and others demanded immediate corrections in claimed inequalities in assessments.

One rancher voiced his protest with a wire recorder, a few submitted written protests, but the majority of them were verbal.

The budget, which is subject to approval by district securities commission, was approved in short order by the board and the balance of the day was used by critics and protestants.

Chairman Max Arnold was at times unable to maintain parliamentary order as shouts were hurled across the room without waiting for recognition by the chair.

Forrest Varney, manager of the district, was target for most of the barrage.

W. J. Erich, Lodi, was the protester who used wire recording. He claimed his marginal land is assessed at $11 per acre while highly productive orchard land is valued at only $40 an acre. Erich declared his total taxes were in excess of rental value of the property. Erich said he would go to the state legislature if he could not get relief by the district.

Officials of the district advised Erich they were aware of inequalities of assessments and that a program of reassessment is now underway.

Ed Piliard, rancher, said further tax increases would drive farmers of the district into bankruptcy.

C. O. Armstrong, president of Nevada County Farm Bureau Federation, reported a reassessment survey is being made by the farm bureau with production or potential production being a deciding factor for assessment. He urged cooperation in the survey.

E. M. Litke appeared before the meeting and demanded that domestic water served should be chlorinated and cited recent findings of the state health department which described water as polluted beyond point of safety.

A delegation of landowners of the Wheatland section in Yuba county appeared briefly and sought information concerning buying of surplus waters of the district. Board members promised a study of the subject.

Among criticisms offered from the floor, many of them without formal acknowledgement of the chariman were:

Failure to take advantage of bargain prices for equipment and materials.

Purchase of needless facilities.

Failure to keep the public advised of district operations.

Improper and inadequate maintenance of facilities.

Manager Varney attempted to convince protestants the district is rapidly gaining in economic strength and will end the year in better financial shape than in any recent year.

Protestants frequently interrupted him in mid-sentence.

Among the acts of the board Friday was instruction to the manager to purchase all supplies and materials by competitive bidding.

The board also set up a procedure whereby ditch patrolmen would contact each other on patrols, to forestall danger resulting from accidents. Under the new procedure patrolmen must wait at boundary of patrol area until adjacent patrolman reports. Failure to report will result in search for missing patrolman. It it believed it may prevent possibility of a patrolman freezing to death if injured and alone.

Varney reported to the board that all past year's obligations have been met. He also reported repairs to Bowman dam have been completed.

Repairs of Excelsior and Gold Hill flumes have been completed Varney reported.

The Weather

Friday, Dec. 16	40	32
Saturday, Dec. 17	40	33
Sunday, Dec. 18	39	34
Monday, Dec. 19	40	27
Tuesday, Dec. 20	37	16
Wednesday, Dec. 21	40	21
Thursday, Dec. 22	45	24

Rainfall: Dec. 17, .42; Dec. 18, 1.20 (inch of snow); Dec. 18, .90; Dec. 19, .83.

N. C. POST OFFICE SWAMPED WITH YULETIDE MAIL

A quarter of a million pieces of mail were postmarked by the Nevada City post office for the two-weeks period ending yesterday, according to William J. Wasley, postmaster.

Wasley said that a noon yesterday postal receipts for 1949 reached the $38,000 mark. The post office only needs $2,000 in postal receipts during the rest of the year to reach the -40,000 mark and for the first time in its history enter the first class rating.

Ray Spickelmier, president, and H. F. Sofge, secretary, of the Nevada City Chamber of Commerce, yesterday urged patrons of the local postoffice to purchase postage supplies for early 1950 this coming week and insure Nevada City entering the first class group. Spickelmier said a first class rating will aid the city in obtaining a federal building, a sorely needed structure.

Postal clerks, augmented by additional help, have been struggling 12 to 14 hours daily to keep the mountainous and record-breaking mail processed.

Wasley said Tuesday was peak day of all time in the local post office when 20,000 pieces of mail were processed through the local office. Wasley stressed these figures do not include incoming mail.

Wasley said yesterday noon's checkup revealed 1949 postal receipts were $3,000 over 1948, the previous record year.

Wasley said his haggard crew will holiday Sunday and Monday except for handling outgoing mail and special delivery.

Two carriers have been handling each route during the rush period, Wasley said. The rural route has been making two trips daily.

BUSINESSMEN AND MERCHANTS SEND YULE GREETINGS THIS ISSUE

Businessmen and merchants of Nevada City, Grass Valley and area, in this week's issue of The Nugget send their annual yuletide greetings of their customers in Nevada City and vicinity by the medium of the hometown newspaper.

Local businessmen have used this method for years and have found it to be the most economical, efficient and simplest way of extending season's greetings to their neighbors and customers.

Doing the same job by use of individual greeting cards would cost a merchant more than a hundred dollars.

With very few exceptions, the businessmen and merchants of Nevada City are represented in this Christmas greeting edition.

COUNTY FAIR MASTER PLAN CONSIDERED

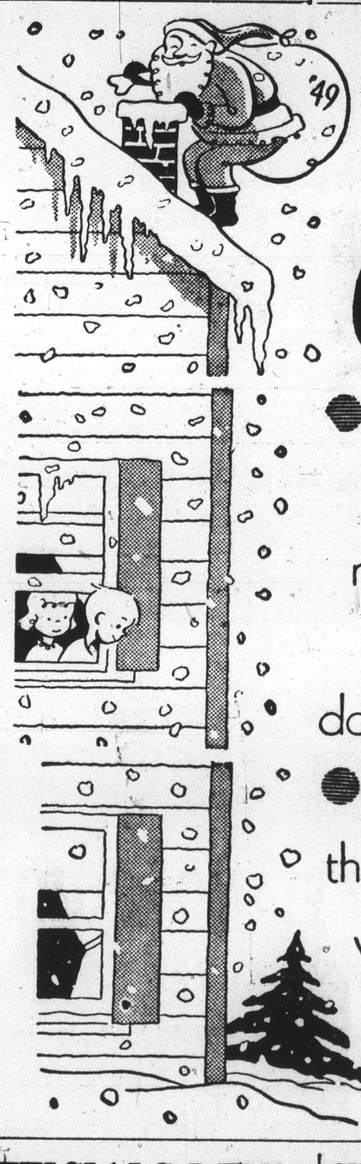
Final obstacles in path of $200,000 construction program at Nevada county fairgrounds, Grass Valley, are expected to be removed as fair directors met with state planning officials in Sacramento

Loyle Freeman, manager, said the meeting probably would result in acceptance of master plan for the fairgrounds. The program for which funds are available include $90,900 main exhibit building, $25,000 domestic science building, $30,000 grading and sewage project, and $25,000 lighting installation. Livestock barns are included in '95' program.

Freeman said directors are anxious to save all shade trees possible and are seeking changes in master plan to permit it.

CAROLING TONIGHT

Nevada City high school students and alumni will carol tonight under the direction of William Tobiassen. The group will gather at Melton's confectionery at 7:30 p.m., and wind up at the home of Mrs Beth Wilson for hot chocolate and cookies.



Yuletide Greetings

● Naturally, there is a Santa Claus---just as naturally as there are children. No one even doubts that any more.

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OFFICIALS DENY CLAIMS THAT AID REFUSED

Nevada county officials refuted recently published reports an indigent family of nine had been denied medical and hospital care and emergency welfare relief.

Charles W. Veale, county hospital superintendent stated Mrs. Lawson, mother of the family involved, was hospitaled Oct. 24, and was transferred to another institution Nov. 9 at suggestion of Mr. Lawson.

She was admitted to the hospital Saturday and three physicians concurred in a diagnosis that surgery was not advisable. Dr. Walker W. Reed, medical officer of the hospital, said her condition was not unusual among women of her age with several children.

Miss Ernestine Eilerman, county welfare director, said the family has been given full assistance under emergency aid provisions of the law.

Supervisor Frank Rowe said the family came to Nevada county after brief residences in Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona, and more recently in California.

The incident was the outgrowth of an appeal for financial help by Mrs. Beulah Smith, who lives near the Lawson family.

Mrs. Smith reported the Lawson family in desperate health and financial conditions. Mrs. Smith added she began seeking a hospital fund when city and county charity agency help was reportedly not obtainable.

Mrs. Smith reported Mrs. Lawson ill in bed and unable to care for the family. The husband was taking care of the family and as a result was unable to seek work according to reports.

HOW CHRISTMAS CAME TO GRASSHOPPER HILL

We received a story this week that is an ideal Christmas story and is of special interest to this area because of the locale. The author wishes to remain anonymous. The story is fiction but the people are real although their names are changed.

The story in its elemental form brings out the trials of the strugglers, the magnetism of the darlings of humanity, the generosity of the demi-monde, and the few seconds that are sometimes given to mean-souled persons to look on the face of God.

The story appears on page 8.

SUPERVISORS SET DATE FOR SANITARY ELECTION

Nevada county board of supervisors by a vote of 2 to 1 authorized an election for formation of a sanitary district between here and Grass Valley and set Friday, Feb. 17, 1950, as date for such election.

Costs of sanitary districts for the area of approximately 1,200 persons is estimated at $150,000. Assessed valuation of the 1,000 acre section is $1,122,000.

Authorization of the election followed a stormy all-day session at which about 25 property owners, objectors and supporters of the district, took part.

The district includes Hills Flat, Glenbrook, Shady Pines, Shaw's Hill, Memorial Hospital Tract, Glenwood, Glenbrook Heights, Orchard Glen, Town Talk, Lake Olympia and Idaho Maryland.

The supervisors denied exclusion of five property owners from the district.

Five district directors and an assessor would be elected.

Supervisors Frank J. Rowe and Carl J. Tobiassen approved the election. J. C Coughlan was dissenter.

BAPTIST CHURCH YULE PARTY PLANNED TONITE

Church school Christmas program of the Community Baptist church will be held this evening at 7:30 o'clock at the church, according to Rev. John A. MacDonald, pastor. "The Old, Old Story," a presentation of the Christmas story in living pictures, will be given.

Following processional, introduction and prayer, recitations and songs will be presented.

The main pageant will feature six pictures, "The Nativity," "The Shepherds and Their Flocks," "The Angel Messenger," "The Heavenly Host," "Adoration of the Shepherds," and "Adoration of the Magi."

Mrs. Legrand Sterling, Mrs. John MacDonald are directors of the program. Assisting are Mrs. Loren Sherwood, Mrs Emil Raetz, Mrs. Nellie Prentiss and Mrs. Alvin Molen.

The Nugget will carry the complete cast of the performance in next week's issue.

"HOWLING" SUCCESS

Ralph Achey, manager of Cedar theatre, termed the annual "kids' day" Wednesday afternoon a "howling" success. "Shaggy" was the picture. Candy and Santa Claus were through courtesy of Nevada City Chamber of Commerce.

WATER USERS NAME GROUPS TO STUDY NID

Two committees were named to inquire into possible expense trimming of the Nevada irrigation district at a meeting Sunday afternoon in the cold LeBarr Meadows hall attended by about fifty members and visitors of the NID Water Users association.

Named to inquire into the district business office's efficiency were Barker Cates, Ralph Greenwell and Charles Kitts. A study of maintenance departments will be made by Guy Robinson, Louis Personeni and Dewey Cook.

The meeting was kept short by the coldness of the hall. The unit expects to hold its January get-together in Rough and Ready.

Max Arnold and Herbert Nile, members of the NID board of directors; Elton Tobiassen, assessor; and Rudolph M. Smith, Nevada county and Mountain division superintendent, were members of the NID personnel attending the meeting.

Arnold told the group that at the start of the new year purchasing of district supplies and materials will be by bid, and a safety measure for ditch patrolmen has been inaugurated.

They had been objectives of the association since its formation.

Personeni inquired into the necessity of a watermaster and Arnold declared he thought it was a necessary position.

The committees were cautioned that the motive of the association was to give advice and not to tear the NID apart. If nothing was wrong the investigation will not be harmful, if there is something wrong, the investigation is of value.

One rancher said he believed Manager Forrest Varney of the NID was getting too much pay for what he was doing—and that he did nothing without pressure.

Several farmers and ranchers inquired into what they called irregularities and inconsistencies of salaries. Specifically pointed out were Herman Retzlaff and Melvyn Retzlaff, who are listed as foremen at $3,000 per annum, and E. Keckler, a mechanic, who is drawing foreman's pay of $3,600. Question of the necessity of Manning Miller in the business office was also discussed.

Cal-Ida and Matson lumber mills near Sierraville have shut down for the winter according to the Downieville Messenger.

SNOW POINT STRIKES RICH YUBA GRAVEL

Eighty-two dollars worth of gold were taken from three successive buckets of muck from a 250-foot vertical shaft on holdings of the Snow Point Properties, Inc. The Beverly Hills corporation purchased 900 acres of placer ground from the Uren-Hegarty interests four miles west of Graniteville.

The shaft, which had been spotted from a surface point located over the face of old Chinese workings which date back to the early '90s, has tapped highly satisfactory pay gravel at its first contact with the bedrock and plans have already been made to operate throughout the winter.

Power for hoisting and pumping is obtained from the Pike City-Spanish power line of Pacific Gas & Electric company, which passes within a few hundred feet of the shaft.

R. W. Prout, John W. Prout Jr., consulting engineer for the company, and Robert Hodge, secretary, have been upon the ground during the initial strike and are well pleased with the outlook for future operations.

Schiffner brothers have for the past year been cutting some three million feet of first growth timber from the patented portion of the property, which has never suffered from fire and was forested with trees running from three to six feet in diameter.

The nearest drift diggings in gravel are on the old Gold Lead property, a mile and a half south, while the last breasting of the old Derbec company, which had worked the blue lead through the Derbec shaft and their drain tunnel for 13,000 feet along the channel toward Graniteville, is five miles southwest. The intervening area is lava capped over the channel to a depth as great as 400 feet so that it is impossible to determine the relation of the three or more channels embraced within this area. As a matter of fact, inspection of the U. S. geologic folio shows a lava-capped area of glaciated gravels some three miles in width extending from Columbia Hill toward Snow Point for eight miles.

It has taken a lot of courage as well as money on the part of this company, who had nothing to guide them but hearsay evidence as to the values along the worked portion of the channel, which has long been inaccessible. We believe they are entitled to all the rewards which usually goes with courageous prospecting.

BLASTS PRECEDING BRUSH CREEK MILL FIRE ARE REPORTED

Workmen resided at Goodyears Bar reported hearing blasts before the fire which destroyed the mill of the Brush Creek mine Tuesday night, according to Sierra County Sheriff W D. Johnson, and operators of the mine, who are investigating arson possibilities.

The fire levelled the 30x60 foot mill located two miles from the mine tunnels. A 75-ton ball mill was destroyed, along with concentration tables, flotation cells, shaker tables, cyanide plant and other processing equipment.

Wendell Ingram, resident superintendent and one of the operators of the mine, which has been employing 18 persons, said all power and fuel oil lines had been turned off at 4 p.m.

The mine is leased from the Alpha Hardware Stores, Ltd.

LOCAL INVENTOR HAS ORDER FOR 600 UNITS

A. G. Reynolds, local inventor who holds patents on 17 inventions, announced yesterday he received an order for 600 units of the product of his latest invention—a new type casting machine. The new product he has constructed dies for is a lighthouse lamp.

Reynolds said he has been looking for financing to keep the manufacturing the units in Nevada City but has not had much encouragement and may place it in production in the bay area. Reynolds said production would create a small payroll that could be potentially permanent.

FIRST DEGREE CONFERRED

Oustomah Lodge No. 16, International Order of Odd Fellows, conferred first degree at regular meeting Tuesday evening. Refreshments followed the meeting.

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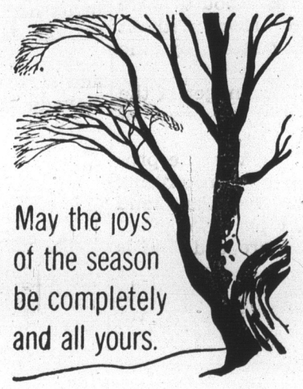

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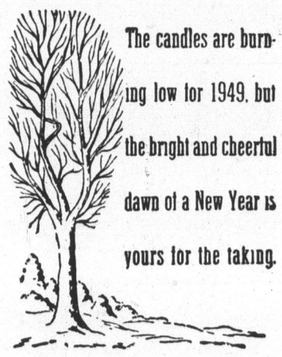

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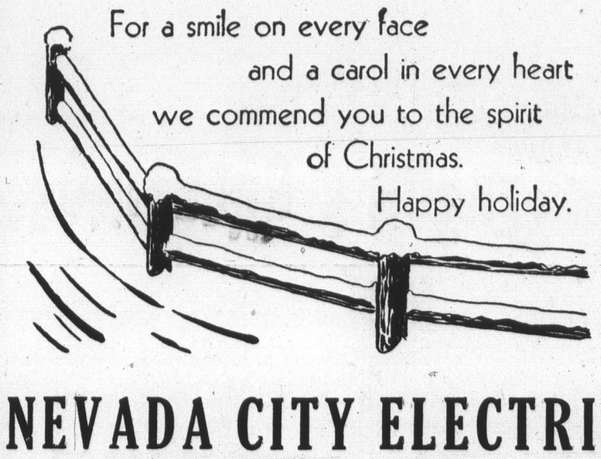

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YELLOWJACKET BUZZINGS

By DARLEEN CROWLEY

NEWS OF NEVADA CITY HIGH SCHOOL

Christmas in Dreamland

"Christmas in Dreamland," the Christmas program presented at the high school auditorium Tuesday at 7:30 was under the direction of John D. Conway and William E. Tobiassen.

To begin the program Alice Hansen sang "White Christmas."

The high school string ensemble played "Christmas Tide," followed by processional of combined choruses singing "Oh Come All Ye Faithful."

Three numbers by the high school chorus "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen," "Sleep of the Infant Jesus," and "Adoramus Te."

Kindergarten rhythm band directed by Peter Briggs was followed by Autry E. Haldeman of the third grade doing "Here Comes Santa Claus."

Nancy Moore, Margaret Mooers and Mary Brown of the eighth grade sang "Hark the Herald Angels Sing," followed by Josephine Kendrick of the fifth grade singing "Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer."

The main attraction of the evening came next with the play, "Christmas in Dreamland."

The queen of the play was Rosemary Thibault of the eighth grade.

Diana Rankin of the high school sang "O Holy Night."

The Nevadettes, girls triple trio directed by Mr. Tobiassen, sang "Christmas Lullaby."

Kent Walker presented a vocal solo and the high school chorus completed the program with four numbers, "Shepherds Awake," "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming," "Carol of the Bells," and "Now the Day Is Over."

Accompanists were Rae Buster and Dortha Smart.

The program was one of the best to have been given in many years with more than 200 students participating.

Big Dance

A big dance was given following the Christmas program in the high school auditorium. Refreshments were served.

Turkey Dinner

A complete turkey dinner prepared by Mrs. Adele Sturtevant and assistants was served to the high school students to end the day that lasted till 1 p.m., Wednesday,

Contribute to Drive

The high school students had brought food packages all week long up to Wednesday to contribute to the drive. Wednesday at 11 o'clock Principal E. A. Frantz weighed the food and the winning class was the juniors. Second were the sophomores, the freshmen third and the seniors were last. The food was then taken to Pioneer park where it will be packed today and distributed tomorrow to the needy families of Nevada City and surrounding area.

YELLOWJACKETS WHIP LINCOLN HIGH 35 TO 16

Nevada City high school basketball teams were playing at Wheatland high school last night but an early press time this week prevented us from obtaining the scores.

Last Friday night in the local gymnasium the basketball varsity dumped Lincoln high school 35 to 16. The Bees dropped a 26-19 contest.

The visiting varsity was able to score only four field goals against the strong defense of Coach Douglas Watt's quintet.

Forward John Cartoscelli led the local squad with 12 points. Norman Ellis and Dean Morrison hit for 10 and 8 points respectively.

Steve Piezer and Ben Nelson lead the Bees to a 11-8 halftime margin but the visiting players went in front in the third quarter and remained there.

PATROL LEADERS OF TROOP 24 ARE NAMED

Patrol leaders were chosen at Monday evening's meeting of boy scout troop 24 at Seaman's lodge.

Stag patrol named Peter Hill to serve again as patrol leader. Eugene Foote was chosen to lead Flying Eagle Patrol with Will Smith as assistant.

Jack Burger will lead Flaming Arrow and Robin Underwood is assistant.

Lion patrol selected Don Madrid leader and Jerry O'Shaughnessey, assistant.

Clifford Pooler was elected as troop scribe. Ted Ness was chosen quartermaster and Will Smith is librarian.

Scoutmaster Eugene Chaney reported the troop Christmas tree sale was successful.

SPORTSMEN POSTPONE ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nevada County Sportsmen club postponed election of officers until January meeting for lack of a quorum at Monday's meeting at city hall. One-third of members are required to be present before an election can be held.

Members voted to buy a trap from proceeds of recent turkey shoots, and will join Sacramento-Sierra Sportsmen Council.

Tom Keckler, president of the organization, reported about 500 trout were lost by the draining of Lake Bowman.

Motion pictures and refreshments completed the evening.

Nevada County Sportsmen association was among units represented at a sportsmen council at Marysville last week. The meeting attendants recommended 16-day pheasant season for 1950 and recommended killing of forked horns in district 1¾.

ESCAPES INJURY

Carl M. Robinson, Reno, Nev., escaped injury Friday when the car he was driving skidded from the Tahoe-Ukiah highway three miles east of here and rolled over an embankment.

FARNEY WILL HEAD RURAL TEACHERS UNIT

Thomas N. Farney, Gold Flat elementary school principal, will serve as president of the Nevada County Rural Teachers association, during 1950. He succeeds Mrs. Ruth George, Union Hill.

Other newly elected officers are David Dahlke, Union Hill, vice president; Miss Ingebord Nelson, Forest Springs, secretary and treasurer.

The group is planning an art work shop in early January, under direction of Mrs. Doris Foley, county school supervisor.

JOSEPH F. STENGER IS MASONIC MASTER

Joseph F. Stenger was elected Worshipful Master of Nevada Lodge No. 13, F. A. M., as meeting last week in Masonic hall.

Carl M. Ivey was named senior warden; Joseph H. Mason, junior warden; Benjamin Hall, treasurer; and Thomas W. Lawrence, secretary.

Trustees of the Hall Association are Joseph W. Day, Fred M. Tourtellote and J. F. Siegfried.

Installation date will be Saturday, Jan. 14.

PAIN IN THE, ER, HIP PROVES TO BE NEEDLE

Earl Covey, genial Grass Valley businessmen, has been complaining the past few weeks of a pain in the—hip region, that is.

When the pain and resulting bruise persisted Covey called on Dr. Oscar Lang for an examination.

X-rays revealed a large bruise centered with a white line and an operation was decided.

Dr. Lang, to his surprise and his patient, extracted a two-inch sewing needle with a short bit of thread attached.

Covey says he has no recollection of when or how the needle penetrated his hide.

Covey is resting at home until after the holidays when he expect to return to his duties at the garage.

CITED FOR SPEEDING

Robert Spinette, 17, Colusa, was cited for speeding following an accident highway patrol officers said was caused when the Colusan's car skidded out of control on snow covered highway 20 seven miles east of here Sunday afternoon and crashed into a vehicle operated by Jessie R. Morgan, Denver, Colo.

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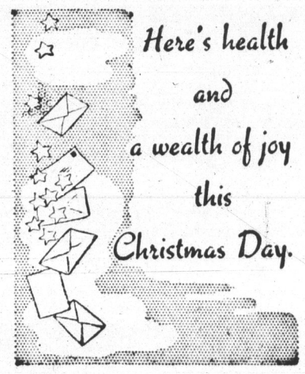

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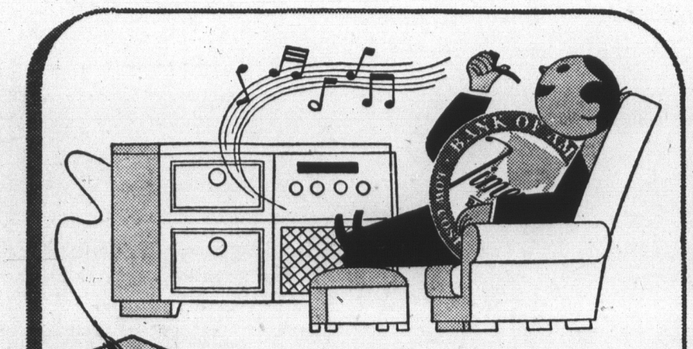

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Church Notes

Methodist Church
George C. Pearson, pastor

There will be only one service at the church, the worship service at 11 a.m. The Christmas sermon by the pastor will be "God With Us." Miss Jean McGowan, Eureka, sister of Mrs. Pearson, will sing, "Cantique de Noel."

St. Canice Church
Father William Daly, pastor

Saturday, 12 midnight, Midnight mass.
Sundays—8 and 10:30 a.m.
Holy days—7:15 and 9 a.m.
Week days—8 a.m.

Grace Lutheran Church
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Grass Valley
Walter C. Rubke, pastor

We invite you to worship the Lord, Christ, on the day of His birth!

Christmas Day worship, 11 a.m.

There will be no Sunday school on Christmas Day. Classes will begin again on Sunday, Jan. 1.

Children's Christmas Eve service and candlelight service will be celebrated at Chicago Park on Chirstmas Eve, 6:30 p.m.

Trinity Episcopal Church
Max Christensen, rector
Rectory, 226 Nevada Phone 445

Tonight, 7 p.m., Children's Christmas service. Christmas party immediately after in Parish hall. Motion pictures and treats.

Saturday, 11 p.m., Christmas Eve midnight carol service. Public cordially invited.

No church school or young people's meeting Dec. 25 or Jan. 1.

No junior choir practice during Christmas week.

Vestry — second Monday of January.

Altar Guild Corporate Communion, first Saturday, 9 a.m.

Christian Science Church

Christian Science Society of Nevada City holds services every Sunday morning at 11 o'clock at the church, 114 Boulder street. Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m.

Testimonial meetings are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m.

Our reading room is located at 207 Main street, and is open Monday, Wednesday and Friday, holidays excepted, from 2 to 4 p.m.

"Christian Science" is the subject of the lesson-sermon which will be read in Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, Dec. 25, with the golden text taken from Luke: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men" (2:14).

The citations which will comprise the sermon include the following:

Revelation: "And there appeared another wonder in heaven; and behold a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and seven crowns upon his heads. And his tail drew the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon stood before the woman which was ready to be delivered, for to devour her child as soon as it was born. And she brought forth a man child, who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and to his throne" (12:3-5).

"Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "After the stars sang together and all was primeval harmony, the material lie made war upon the spiritual idea; but this only impelled the idea to rise to the zenith of demonstration, destroying sin, sickness and death, and to be caught up unto God—to be found in its divine Principle" (p. 565).

Community Baptist Church
327 Sacramento Street
Rev. John A. MacDonald, pastor

Sunday, 8 a.m., Christmas service, Message "The Christ Child." The senior choir and junior choir will sing at service.

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m., Midweek Bible hour.

Pentecostal Church of God
R. R. Hall, pastor

10 a.m.—Sunday school.
11 a.m.—Morning worship.
7:45 p.m.—Evening service.
Tuesday, 7:30 p.m., Evangelistic message.

N. San Juan Seventh-Day Adventist Sabbath School

Services held in Methodist church, North San Juan.

Saturday, 11 a.m., Bible classes for children and adults.

Miss Jennie Lamson is home from Reed college, Portland, Ore., to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. David Lamson.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Calanan Are Honored At Golden Wedding

The Nevada street home of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fortier was beautifully decorated with golden wedding bells motif for Sunday dinner honoring the 50th anniversary of Mrs. Fortier's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George H. Calanan.

Members of the family and close friends observed the occasion. Flowers and anniversary messages came from friends.

The dining room and tables were decorated with golden wedding bells and a large wedding cake centered the table.

Attending the dinner were Mr. and Mrs. William V. Tamblyn, Mr. and Mrs Simon Hieronimus, Mr. and Mrs. John Muscardini, and Mrs. Elise de Mattei, all of Nevada City; Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Ronchi, Folsom; Mr. and Mrs. John Ferry, San Francisco; the guests of honor and host and hostess.

Mrs. Ronchi, formerly Miss Freda Hieronimus, was maid of honor at the wedding.

The couple received marriage vows the evening of Dec. 20, 1899, from Rev. Father P. J. Clyne, pastor of St. Canice church. Thomas Calanan, a cousin of the groom, was best man.

Mrs. Lena Calanan was daughter of the late Christian and Helena Kornhammer and was born in Nevada City and has lived all her life at the Calanan home at 318 Coyote street. Her father was a shoemaker and operated a shop at the present location of Larsen's barber shop, 308½ Broad.

She attended the local elementary school when it was known as the Washington school and attended Nevada City high school.

George Calanan is a son of Michael and Mary Ann Calanan and was born in Columbia Hill where he attended elementary school until he was 14.

His father was employed at the Delhi hydraulic mine and had come to Nevada county at the age of two in 1854.

George was employed at Miners foundry at the time of his marriage and that year was president of Hydraulic parlor, Native Sons of the Golden West.

Champion Circle Yule Party at IOOF Hall

Santa Claus was the big event of the program which was given during the Christmas party of Champion Circle, Neighbors of Woodcraft, held last week in Odd Fellows hall.

The program included: Kenny Baker recitation; duet by Judy and Mary Jo Swartz; Claire Schance on the accordion; singing of "Jingle Bells" by Ann and Mick Giovannetti; recitation by Patty Tobiassen; solo, Judy Twilliams; song, Sheryl Kopp; song, Ralph Jones and Ronnie Tobiassen; recitation, Judy Lystrup; song, Vicki Lilja; arrival of Santa Claus with gifts for all.

CARRIERS FETED

Carriers of the Grass Valley Union in Nevada City were honored at a full-course turkey dinner, and we mean full course, in the dining room of the National hotel Friday evening. Generous helpings of turkey and ice cream served under the direction of Ira Wallace, sent the youngsters home with well-stuffed tummies.

Evangeline Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, held its annual yule party Tuesday evening after the regular meeting. A Christmas tree was decorated and gifts were placed around it for those present. The hall and banquet room were decorated with evergreens and toyonberries. Corsages and gifts were presented.

Nevada City Women's Civic club held Christmas party at National hotel dining room Wednesday noon with an exchange of gifts and good wishes.

Executive board meeting was also held.

Two Forest Veterans Honored at Dinner at Seaman's Saturday

Mrs. Georgina O'Conner, who will retire next week after 35 years of service in local headquarters of Tahoe national forest, and Ivan Cuff, veteran ranger, were honored at a farewell dinner Saturday night at Seaman's Lodge by more than 100 forest service employes, families and friends.

Both received gold pins and gifts from their fellow workers.

Testimonial letters and telegrams swamped headquarters office Saturday from high ranking forest officials and friends of the two employes.

Keith Macdonald, fire control officer, was master of ceremonies. Forest Supervisor Guerdon Ellis, State Forester DeWitt Nelson, former Sierra Forest Supervisor M. A. Benedict; E. L. Baxter, formerly with Tahoe forest and now in office of regional fire control officer; William Price, regional timber sales inspector; Roy Beedle, Leslie King, relatives of Mrs O'Conner; Kermit Cuff, California experiment station at Berkeley; Les Cuff, forest engineer of Stanislaus National Forest; and Leland Smith, formerly of Tahoe staff, were among those present at the affair.

Russell Beeson, former supervisor of Modoc National Forest, where Cuff served many years, presented an honor badge to the retiring ranger. Nelson presented Mrs. O'Conner her service pin.

Scheduled to be honored was Charles J. Smith, assistant forest engineer, transferred recently to Shasta National Forest, but he was unable to attend.

SWEETLAND NEWS
By Mrs. Roberta Stuart

Mrs. Helena Browning was the guest of honor at a baby shower held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Browning in French Corral. Motion pictures of logging industry was shown and ice cream and cake were served for refreshments.

Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. William Browning and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. A Browning, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Browning and family, Mrs. Virginia Browning and family, Mrs Annie Browning, Mrs. Helena Browning, Mrs. Edith B. Gould, Mrs. Mae Gummoe, Mrs. Ethel Saunders, Mrs Lucy Kneebone, Mrs. Anna McQuinn, Mr and Mrs. Wright Colman, Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Stuart, Miss Ardyce McQuinn, Mr. Colman, Mrs. Albera Worthley, Mrs. Ben Slankard, Mrs. Alice Kohler, Mr and Mrs Albert Proom, Mr. and Mrs Atchinson, Mr. and Mrs. Wetzel, Mrs. Margaret Madden and Miss Theresa O'Connor.

Mr and Mrs. Waid Oden of North San Juan were in Nevada City shopping this week.

Mrs. Lulu Gifford of Kettle, Wash., is visiting here with her sister, Mrs. Lillian Wolfe, North San Juan.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank A Stuart of Sweetland were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl L. Wolfe in North San Juan Monday evening.

Christmas program sponsored by Mrs. Edith Caston at Twamley hall, North San Juan, will be held tonight. Christmas decorations will be by courtesy of Mrs. Maude Campbell. Everyone is welcome.

HOME FROM SCHOOL

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas B. Barry, who are attending Pacific University, Forest Grove, Ore., are spending Christmas vacation at the home of her mother, Mrs. James R. Harding.

THIMBLERS YULE PARTY

Mrs. Seena Wells was hostess for the Christmas party of Thimble club Thursday, last week. Exchange of gifts and luncheon were enjoyed. Card playing completed the afternoon.

BEAR SHOWS FIGHT AGAINST BULLDOZER

"Just what does a bear actually fear, if anything, when it comes to a showdown," is the question being asked this week by Lloyd White, bulldozer operator for Tahoe National Forest, after a bear threatened him while operating a bulldozer in the vicinity of Skillman Flat.

White had been operating the bulldozer for over two hours, crashing down high manzanita preparatory to tree planting in the area, when the bear suddenly appeared before him on his hind legs, standing on a log. The dozer was stopped and White was about to beat a hasty retreat. The bear though decided to shove off for a better place to continue hibernation. Apparently the big monstrous machine looked a bit too tough for Mr. Bruin.

District Ranger H. I. Snider, in charge of the operations, is wondering if a rifle ought to be located on dozers for employe protection, as well as the shovel now carried for fire protection.

FUNERAL RITES TODAY FOR MRS. CLARA SCARFE

Funeral services will be held this morning at 10 o'clock at St. Canice Catholic church for Mrs. Clara G. Scarfe, 83, who died Tuesday morning at the Nevada county hospital. Rev. Father William Daly, pastor of the church, will officiate.

Rosary was held last night at Holmes Funeral Home chapel.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Hildegarde Hadley, Eureka; two grandsons, Gordon Hadley, Arcata; and Channing Hadley, San Francisco; and a great-grandson, Craig Hadley, Arcata.

Mrs. Scarfe was born in Genoa, Italy, and emigrated to Sierra City as an infant with her parents.

She came to Nevada City approximately fifty years ago and spent most of her life here. Her second husband was the late George C. Scarff, an engineer for Pacific Gas and Electric company.

SEVEN INJURED

Seven were injured, one seriously in a head-on collision last Tuesday evening on the Nevada City-Grass Valley highway on a sharp curve at the Orange Stand.

Mrs. Ellen Kinter, Grass Valley, suffered severe facial cuts. Others slightly injured were Mrs. May M. Carr, 48, 232 High street; Sam Wesner, 65, Tribulation Trail; Mrs. Lillian Mills, Tribulation Trail, all of Nevada Ctiy; Walter H. Bower, 63; Miss Dorothy Kinter, 20; all of Grass Valley.

Mrs. Carr and Bower were the drivers of the two vehicles, according to California highway patrol.

Kief D. Melberg, chairman Nevada City chapter, American Red Cross, returned home this week from San Francisco where he attended annual meeting of northern California chapter chairmen. The meeting featured plans for forthcoming annual Red Cross fund campaign.

Melberg said Nevada City was cited at the meeting as performing an outstanding drive in the west coast area last year. J. F. Siegfried conducted the campaign which raised more than a quota of $2,300.

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR

By Clayre S. Lipman

RICHARD H. HARRIS

(Editor's note: photo of Union reporter taken by Sacramento Bee camera for use in Nugget).

When one newspaper column features the Nevada City editor of a rival newspaper — that's news!

It's also proof that hardworking, serious minded Dick Harris is a pretty nice guy . . . if you don't know Dick personally, he's the tall, husky young character

you see moving around town at a speed that's somewhere between an amble and a gallop. You can almost see him sniff the air for a good story . . . grab a few well-chosen facts . . . then back to the office to batter them out on the old Underwood and rush the completed story off on the next bus for Grass Valley.

Born in northern Utah. Graduated from Utah State in political science . . . then took an M.A. in journalism at Stanford and spent six months on big city paper, the San Francisco News as well as on Salt Lake papers.

Claims the hardest part of his job is keeping to uncolored, objective reporting of facts—hard, because you know the folks you are writing about so well. You know their likes and dislikes, their personal interests and problems . . . That's one thing about big city reporting, Dick says. The reporter never gets to know the people he's writing about—it simplifies the work, but it also takes out the human touch.

The adventures you have in reporting the news! Dick has been down in mines, up over forest fires in planes, and sloggin' over the Sierras on horseback—all for the sake of news. He helped fly food to the snow-bound Ruby mine last winter . . . gets a press eye view of community life from talking to farmers, merchants, businessmen, club leaders, officers, public officials, and lots of folks 'round town . . .

Dick has been a licensed airplane pilot for ten years — had flight training during the late ruction in preparation for an air corps assignment—however, an accident clipped his wings so Lieutenant Harris spent a stretch with the infantry in Japan, Korea and China . . .

Home-and-fireside ideas hit him with 108-point type one sunny day on the campus lawn—he met Miss Henrietta Jones. She was majoring in education, and Mr. Harris learned fast! They're now proud parents of Richard Jr. and daughter, Sue.

When not chasing the news that's fit to print, he's away over hill and dale pursuing a small white ball with a niblick. Other interests isclude feature writing—he's done some, and hopes to do more—and photography—and spreading the fame of Nevada City through a new organization which he helped to sparkplug.

Takes comfort in Sprague's "Curiosity":

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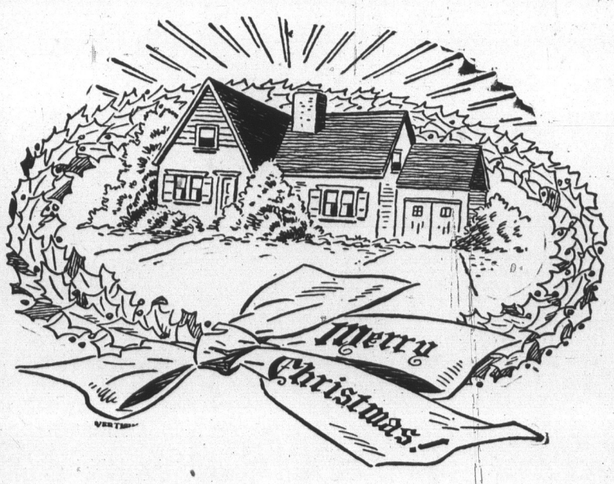

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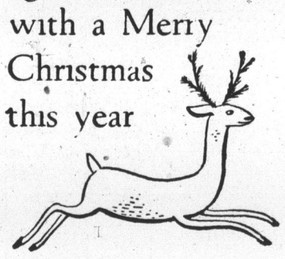

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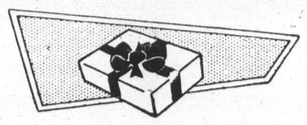

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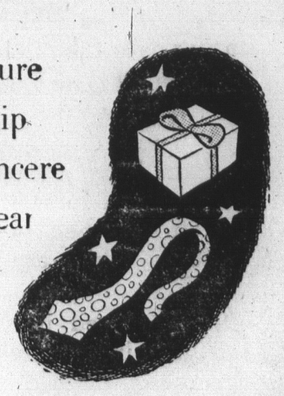

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"Freddie! Freddie! Get up quick, deer. Daddy's going away today. Quick! If you want to see him off on the stage."

Mary shook the little boy lightly and because most of his young life he'd been used to getting up very early he scrambled from bed and into his clothes while still half asleep.

It was still dark at 4 o'clock on this November morning but the farm was stirring. Old Nipper yawned and barked; roosters crowed; calves bawled and were answered by soft "moos" from their mothers lying in their deep straw beds; horses whinnied and far off on a distant knoll a coyote howled for the breakfast he'd failed to get.

Soft thuds were coming from the turkey roosts — young gobblers were dropping to the ground and groping in the darkness, anxious to be starting for the range and their breakfasts of grasshoppers and mullein seed.

The cold wind coming from the tarweed fields smelled bitter and someway lonely, and the little group waiting by the stage road shivered as they strained their ears for sounds of the Marysville and Browns Valley stage. And soon they heard it. Clanking, straining harness, blowing horses and a good round oath from the Irish driver as he guided the horses through the deep ruts of the corduroyed old road.

The father spoke as he picked up his shabby grip, "Tonopah is a long way . . . It's not good to be going so far just at the beginning of winter—but there's no other way. The Browns Valley mines are done and Farnum and O'Hara know it. It was fine of them to make a place for me over there. It means we can finish the payments on the ranch, and, Mary, surely we can make it in two years . . . When I come back I'll not have to leave home again. it will be hard for all of you this winter—" He looked at the little boy in his shabby shrunken coat, "No Christmas this year—but when I come home . . ."

Mary, though her face looked tired and thin in the grey morning light, spoke firmly. "We'll be all right. Fred is old for his years. I can trust him anywhere. He and I can manage anything here— But, Will, please take care of yourself—write often and don't worry."

The creaking old stage came to a grinding halt. The driver unbuttoned the side canvas and looked for luggage.

"Good-bye, daddy." The alert, handsome little boy hung tightly to his father's hand. "I'll, I'll—oh, Dad, I'll do everything I can—and Dad—when you come home I'll be waiting here by the road . . ."

But the thought of the long months ahead was too much. He turned and ran toward the house to hide the tears that washed over the big brown freckles and ran off his chin.

Nipper, his dog, always close at his side, whined in a misery of inadequacy and furiously licked his hand. Fred took a minute to hug the dear woolley head, then grabbed his gun and ran after the turkeys which were fast disappearing over the hill above the house.

The wind now was blowing hard and cold from the north. It would be a bad day. The young gobblers at this stage of their lives, quarrelsome and contemptuous of feminine society, separated from the hens and forming bands of raced crazily against the wind for miles.

Nipper loved it. He'd look up at Fred grinning and waiting instructions —then legs outstretched, belly close to the ground, he'd work swiftly and efficiently rounding up the silly birds — keeping the bands close together—routing and scaring the wily coyotes waiting in weed patch and gully for an easy breakfast.

During school days Mary worked against time. Doing chores, cooking breakfast, packing lunches — then almost running with the baby in her arms, she'd arrive at the feeding grounds, out of breath, but in time for Fred to reach school before nine.

And so the days passed, each filled with work and worry and happiness—all the things that made up the everyday lives of families living in the isolated communities between Marysville and Browns Valley.

And then came fattening time. Feeding troughs were kept full now and the turkeys stayed close to home, strutting, quarreling and gobbling till the country rang with their clamor.

But Mary and Fred watched over them still with almost feverish anxiety for the sale of them meant the little family's security until the cream checks began coming in, in the spring. At a dollar and a half apiece, which was the current price at that time, the 90 turkeys would pay most of their debts and give them a margin to live on.

Nothing must happen to the turkeys —and nothing would. It was nearly Christmas and a buyer had already bargained for them and would be there the following Thursday.

The two smaller children talked of nothing but Santa Claus and Christmas and Mary, heavy of heart, dug deep into her trunk for something that might take the place of the shiny new toys their child hearts craved. But it was a sorry heap she unearthed and she put them back with a sigh.

And then everything was forgotten when the baby, restless all one night, awoke with a burning fever.

But farm work must go on. Mary bathed the hot little body—then leaving little Mary in charge, she hurried to the barn to help Fred with the turkeys. They had to be driven into the barn to be caught and sorted. And they refused to be driven. Sensing something unusual they resisted every effort to drive them into the barn and when Mary and Fred, aided by Nipper, did accomplish it they rushed frenziedly to the darkest corner and yelped at the top of their lungs.

"Turn the stock hens out, Fred. I've got to try again to feed the baby."

Mary ran back to the house. But the baby still burning with fever, pushed the spoon away and vomited weakly.

Mary pressed her hands to her temples. "She's so sick and I don't know what to do."

"Mother, Mother," Fred flung the door wide as he burst into the kitchen. "They're nearly all dead, I think. They have smothered each other."

When the shrieking terrified turkeys were driven from the corner forty lay dying, smothered and trampled to death. Mary leaned weakly against a stall. Then she spoke to the little boy vainly endeavoring to bring some of them back to life.

"Fred, quick! We can save them yet —help me bleed them. Do you remember? One time your father sold dressed turkeys in Grass Valley at Christmas—they were glad to get them. But, oh! the baby—I can't leave her."

Little Fred's face was all smiles. "If we can pick them today I can take them to Grass Valley tomorrow—and Mother, I can sell them, I know. Please, Mother, oh please, it's what Dad would want me to do."

All day they picked—and half the night—Mary only stopping at intervals to tend the baby and twice she warmed food for the children who played Santa Claus and Christmas with their old dolls.

When midnight came the icy storeroom was filled with boxes and tables piled high with big yellow beauties—their heads wrapped neatly in squares cut from old Marysville Appeals.

"I'll call you early, dear," Mary tucked a hot flatiron to the tired little boy's feet, then returned to the kitchen and drawing her chair close to the old buggy that was the baby's bed, watched anxiously through the night.

At 4 o'clock Mary covered the sleeping baby warmly, picked up the lantern and went out into the night. There was much to be done, but at last she was through. The turkeys were packed neatly in rows——papers and canvas under and over them. Johnnie, Fred's pony had been fed, watered and harnessed and was tied out front waiting the little driver.

Mary bent reluctant steps toward the house to rouse the sleeping boy, but when she opened the door he was up, dressed and had replenished the fire.

"Keep this in your inside pocket, Fred. It will be plenty for your hotel bill and to put up your horse and wagon. Stay at the Holbrooke Hotel — maybe they will buy some of the turkeys. And Fred, don't sell them for less than a dollar and a half." Mary looked at the little 11-year-old boy and her heart failed her. "Oh, Fred, I'm afraid . . ."

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Fred slapped the lines on Johnnie's back. This must be the outskirts of Grass Valley. He counted the places he'd passed through. Wades, the Ten Mile House, Browns Valley, Sicard Flat, Smartville and Rough and Ready. His hands trembled with nervous worry as night began closing down and a bitter wind sprang up. Johnnie had been mean all day—jumping and shying at nothing and once when he'd stopped to ask directions, he'd balked. But this was the worst of all. It was such a big town and he didn't know a soul.

And then something cold and wet struck his cheek—his hands—it was like rain but it wasn't. Why this must be snow! "Snow!" For a minute he was thrilled to the heart. He'd never seen snow and this was it. It was coming down steadily now—swirling a little with the wind and all at once night came too swiftly down from the hills, black and lonely.

At almost the same time that little Fred was fearfully guiding his horse toward the center of town, a young, fashionably dressed man turned the corner of Main and Mill streets and hurried through the jostling, merry holiday crowd. People called to him right and left, but he touched his hat and hurried past.

"Who on earth is that?" a young woman with all the air and elegance of Powell street on a Sunday afternoon, touched her companion's arm.

"That—oh, that's the 400's society pet—Dr. Wilson."

"Well, he's the best looking man I've ever seen—and there's plenty of men where I come from. How do you get to know him?"

Her companion grinned, "You don't —that is, unless you belong to the high society here. I don't. But I do wish you could hear him sing. His looks are as nothing to his voice. It's just—well—heavenly. Look, something is happening up the street." And they both followed the crowd.

They stifled a laugh at the sight that met their eyes. To them it was excruciatingly funny. The immaculate Dr. Wilson—hat gone and muffler under one ear hanging to a plunging mustang pony while a scared little country kid clung tightly to the seat of a dilapidated old wagon.

When the horse quieted he spoke to the little boy. It was as good as a show —take it all in all. Christmas crowd, snow—the scared shabby little kid and the immaculate Dr. Wilson—and he looked concerned at that.

"Sit tight, little fellow — we'll see what can be done." People "hushed" each other. Dr. Wilson was speaking and they were curious to hear what he had to say.

"My good people, will you please listen to me a minute? This little boy has driven nearly forty miles today with a load of turkeys he hopes to sell to you for the holidays. It's the biggest undertaking of his life and a man's job. His father is a miner in the Tonopah mines. I was on my way to sing at Mrs. Winant's benefit when his horse got out of hand. I will sing here instead, and as I sing, I expect you to buy. The turkeys are big, fine birds—they will be five dollars apiece."

Before the crowd, which had hastily moved backwards, could leave, Dr. Wilson began to sing. "Holy Night, Peaceful Night . . ." The very depth and sweetness of his beautiful voice held them as nothing else could.

Dr. Wilson was a remarkably handsome man at all times but tonight as he stood there, his black head bared to the falling snow, his pale face uplifted as he sang, he seemed more than man and the beautiful old carol went straight to the miners' hearts. Grass Valley was gone and they were again with their loved ones in the dear homeland across the sea.

"Doctor Wilson," a hack door had opened and a woman's gloved hand beckoned, "Two turkeys, please."

"Thank you, Mabel, God bless you, and a very merry Christmas." The woman's face reddened as she pulled the door to. The restive horse splashed through whirling snow.

The crowd would hardly make way for the clanging street cars that emptied more shoppers into the street to look and listen and buy.

"Here's yours, Mr. Loughridge, and thank you, Dr. Jones" and through it all Doctor Wilson sang.

"Abide With Me—With Me" echoed through the fall snow and the miners' cheeks wet. "Do you mind the cave-in Jack? It was all we had—that prayer. The poor devil that got it that night left two kids about like that one yonder."

As the hymn ended Doctor Wilson saw a woman drive her carriage close—then hesitate. He nodded to her as he thought, "The stingiest, meanest woman in town," but he looked straight ahead as he sang, "Because I Love You." While he sang her world was changed. No longer was she old, mean and hated. She was again in the magic world of youth where love was all that mattered and he was singing to her.

She held up her hand, "Send two turkeys to the convent, please."

As the song ended, she spoke to the driver, "Why do they allow that man to obstruct the street. Back out of here quickly! I want to get home." The spell was broken but the last turkey was sold!

"Let's take the chappie Christmas shopping," they yelled. The "Ayes" came back in a roar.

"No one is rich and no one is poor and the old Empire is good for a hundred years, at least," was the refrain that ran through their heads those years and when they listened to the whistle of the Narrow Gauge as it brought in more engineers to find more gold . . . it was indeed good to live in Grass Valley and it was fun this night to make a little lad happy.

Fred was home at last. Johnnie was knee deep in fragrant hay. Nipper had made such a nuisance of himself he'd had to be put outside and Mary had refused to let Fred talk until he was warm and fed. But she talked as he ate.

The baby seemed almost well—she'd laughed and spoken his name when she put her to bed. The other children had fallen asleep waiting for him and Mary said hesitantly, "I made some Christmas things for the little fellows. Fred tomorrow is Christmas. The rag doll and the ribbon are for Mary—the"

Fred could stand it no longer. "Mother, come with me." They went out through the dark to the wagon and Fred raised the canvas.

The first thing they carried in was a beautfiul Christmas tree and then boxes and bundles till they were tired. "Oh, this, Mother, this is the money for the turkeys." He pulled a slip of paper from his pocket. She looked astounded and he hurried on. "I know, Mother, but he sang—oh, Mother, he sang till I cried. I think they paid more for his singing than they did for the turkeys—though they all liked them. And the miners—Mother—they were so grand. They sent us the Christmas things."

When the tree was set up and all aglitter with its wealth of ornaments and the presents piled high underneath, Fred stood off and looked at almost in awe. "Oh, Mother—I can't wait till morning to see their faces. And, Mother," his face was pinched with weariness now, "I wish Dad could see it—he'd sure know that Santa Claus had found Grasshopper Hill at last."

TAXABLE VALUE OF PROPERTY IN COUNTY UP ONE-THIRD IN DECADE

Taxable value of property in Nevada county is 33.3 percent greater this year than it was in 1941-42.

For 1949-50, total taxable value of property in the county reached $24,211,930, compared with $18,-161,975 for 1941-42.

Assessed value of psoperty in the county for this year is 4.5 percent more than last year, when it reached $23,178,700.

Statewide, the assessed value of taxable property is 80 percent greater for 1949-50 than it was for 1941-42.

Total taxable value of property in California this year is $13,-227,731,114, compared with $7,-350,926,865 for 1941-42.

Assessed value of taxable property in California is 8.5 percent greater for 1949-50 than for 1948-49, whe nthe total valuation was $12,193,012,251.

In seven counties, total taxable valuation for 1949-50 is more than double what it was for 1941-42. Riverside county shows a 171 percent increase; San Luis Obispo county is up 131 percent; Orange and Ventura counties, 128 percent; El Dorado, 104 percent; Los Angeles county, 102 percent; and Contra Costa county up 100 percent.

NID ASSESSMENTS DELINQUENT TUESDAY

First installment of Nevada irrigation district assessments will be delinquent Tuesday, according to Forerst Varney, manager.

Varney said payments of first half assessments are about 50 per cent with second half installments running 25 percent.

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Approximately 50 persons were in attendance Monday evening at open house at Nevada City elementary school Monday night to observe Christmas decorations in various classrooms. Teachers explained the student projects to the visitors.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO ENGAGE IN THE SALE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES

Posted December 19, 1949.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

Notice is hereby given that fifteen days after the date posted, the undersigned proposes to sell alcoholic beverages at these premises, described as follows:

Southwest corner Newtown Road and Highway 49, 3½ miles north of Nevada City, California.

Pursuant to such intention, the undersigned is applying to the State Board of Equalization for issuance on original application of an alcoholic beverage license for these premises as follows:

ON SALE BEER.

Anyone desiring to protest the issuance of such license may file a verified protest with the State Board of Equalization at Sacramento, California, stating grounds for denial as provided by law. The premises are now licensed for the sale of alcoholic beverages.

STELLA A. AKERS,
Applicant

Publ. Dec. 23, 1949.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION OF TIME APPOINTED FOR PROVING WILL, ETC.
No. 5036

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of DON L. BLUXOME, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Friday, the 6th day of January, 1950, at 10 o'clock A.M., of said day, at the Court Room of said Court, at the Court House in the City of Nevada City, County of Nevada, has been appointed by me as the time and place for proving the Will of DON L. BLUXOME, Deceased, and for hearing the petition of Phyllis B. Bluxome for the issuance to her of Letters Testamentary when and where any person interested may appear and contest the same. Reference is hereby made to said petition for further particulars.

Dated Dec. 8, 1949.

R. A. DEEBLE, Clerk.
By JOHN T. TRAUNER,
Deputy Clerk.

MICHEL MARSH LIPMAN
Attorney for Petitioner.
Publ. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 1949.

SUMMONS
No. 9468

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA

MARY HADDY, also known as MARY C. HADDY, and MARIE HADDY, individually and as Administratrix of the estate of ALFRED H. HADDY, Deceased, Plaintiff, vs. JENNIE JACOBS, NELLIE M. LUFKIN, RACHEL M. LUFKIN, JOHN DELLEA, L. M. BOWMAN, J. W. STIMMEL, ANDREW ROBT. SMITH, JESSIE W. LUFKIN, I. L. BOWMAN and L. C. BOWMAN, his wife, HORACE DEVELLE, and all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, Defendants.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA SEND GREETINGS TO:

JENNIE JACOBS, NELLIE M. LUFKIN, RACHEL M. LUFKIN, JOHN DELLEA, L. M. BOWMAN, J. W. STIMMEL, ANDREW ROBT. SMITH, JESSIE W. LUFKIN, I. L. BOWMAN and L. C. BOWMAN, his wife, HORACE DEVELLE, and all other persons unknown, claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership or any cloud upon plaintiff's title, thereto, DEFENDANTS.

YOU ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO APPEAR and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, within ten days after service on you of this summons, if served within this county, or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that unless you appear and answer as above required, said plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damage demanded in the complaint arising upon contract or they will apply to the court for any other relief demanded in the complaint.

This action is brought and the object thereof is to quiet title of plaintiff to the real property described in the complaint, and to make the above named defandants, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, lien or interest in the real property described in the complaint adverse to plaintiff's ownership, or any cloud upon plaintiff's title thereto, set forth the nature of their claim or claims to the property hereinafter described, if any they have, and that such claim or claims be adjudged to be of no effect and void, and that title of plaintiff to the same be quieted against them, and each of them, or as to any unknown.

LEGAL NOTICE

That the said land is situated in the County of Nevada, State of California, and is more particularly described as follows:

1) Lot facing Park Avenue: Beginning at the Southwest corner of Lot No. 6, Block No. 61, Nevada City, on the North side of Park Avenue, at North 16° 17′ West 1419.15 feet from the south quarter section corner of Section 7, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, M.D.M., thence true bearings, (1) South 51° 39′ East 68.73 feet to fence corner; (2) North 46° 45′ East 197.19 feet to small stake on fence; (3) North 47° 54′ West 68.90 feet to fence corner; (4) South 46° 32′ West 201.62 feet to place of beginning.

2) North part of Lot 5 and part of Lot 6: Beginning at a point on the West line of Lot No. 6, at North 46° 32′ East 201.62 feet from the Southwest corner, and at North 9° 30′ West 1521.83 feet from the South quarter section corner of Section 7, Township 16 North, Range 9 East, M.D.M., thence true bearings, (1) North 49° 01′ West 89.31 feet; (2) North 49° 44′ West 60.99 feet to fence corner; (3) North 46° 13′ East 58.87 feet to fence corner; (4) South 49° 12′ East 47.00 feet to bend in fence; (5) South 48° 48′ East 103.55 feet to bend in fence; (6) South 48° 25′ East, 69.01 feet to fence corner; (7) South 46° 39′ West 58.49 feet to small stake; (8) North 47° 54′ West 68.90 feet to place of beginning.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE SEAL OF THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, in and for the County of Nevada, this 21st day of October, 1949.

R. E. DEEBLE, Clerk.
By RITA E HUTCHISON,
Deputy.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.
Publ. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1949.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 5026

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of WILLIAM WASLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, as Administrator of the estate of WILLIAM WASLEY, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to said Administrator, at the law offices of FRANK G. FINNEGAN, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said WILLIAM WASLEY, Deceased.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1949.

WILLIAM J. WASLEY,
Administrator.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Administrator.
Publ. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 5027

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of EARL HISCOX, also known as EARL I. HISCOX, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, as Executrix of the estate of Earl Hiscox, alias, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to said Executrix, at the law offices of FRANK G. FINNEGAN, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said Earl Hiscox, alias, Deceased.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1949.

MARY ELIZABETH HISCOX,
Executrix.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Executrix.
Publ. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No. 5011

In the Matter of the Estate of CHARLES A. HOLMAN, alias, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the undersigned ANNIE ANSTISS HOLMAN as executrix of the estate of CHARLES A. HOLMAN, alias, deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six months after the first publication of this notice to the said executrix at the offices of John L. Larue, Union Building, Nevada City, California, the same being her place of business in all matters connected

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with the estate of said Charles A. Holman, alias, Deceased.

Dated December 9, 1949.

ANNIE ANSTISS HOLMAN
Executrix of the estate of Charles A. Holman, alias, Deceased.

JOHN L. LARUE,
Attorney for Executrix.
Publ. Dec. 16, 23, 30, 1949, Jan. 6, 1950.

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

WHEREAS, default has been made in the payment of the indebtedness secured by, and in the performance of the covenants contained in, that certain Deed of Trust dated July 24th, 1948, made, executed and delivered by BUD BRAUNLICH and PHAY BRAUNLICH, his wife, as Trustor to CORPORATION OF AMERICA, a California corporation, as Trustee for BANK OF AMERICA NATIONAL TRUST AND SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, a national banking association, Beneficiary, which Deed of Trust was recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Nevada County, State of California, on August 17, 1948, in Book 133 of Official Records at Page 261, et seq., Nevada County Records; and

WHEREAS, the lawful owner and holder of said Deed of Trust and the debt thereby secured has applied to and directed the Trustee under said Deed of Trust in writing to execute the trust by said Deed of Trust created, and to make sale pursuant thereto; and

WHEREAS, Notice of Default in the performance of the obligations of the Trustors has been recorded as is provided for by law and said Trustee deems it best to sell said premises and estate as a whole now remaining subject to said Deed of Trust in order to fulfill the purposes thereof.

NOW, THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ON Tuesday, the 27th day of December, 1949, at the hour of 10 A.M. o'clock, thereof, at the front door of the Nevada County Courthouse, situated in the City of Nevada City, County of Nevada, State of California, the CORPORATION OF AMERICA, a corporation, as Trustee, will, under and pursuant to the aforesaid Deed of Trust, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States, the following described real property, mentioned in said Deed of Trust, situated in the County of Nevada, State of California, and more particularly described as follows: to-wit:

The surface right only to the depth of One Hundred (100) feet of all that portion of the Harvey Maatz Tract in the Southeast quarter (SE¼) of Section Fourteen (14), Township Sixteen (16) North, Range Eight (8) East, described as follows:

Commencing at the Northwest corner of the Maatz Tract on the South side of the Rough and Ready road, from which the One-quarter Section Corner on the South boundary of said Section 14, bears South 33° 52′ West 1703.42 feet, and running thence South 18° 36′ East 200.00 feet; thence North 65° 37′ East 100.00 feet; thence North 18° 36′ West 200.00 feet to the Rough and Ready road; thence South 65° 37′ West 100.00 feet to the place of beginning.

TOGETHER WITH any and all appurtenances and easements used in connection therewith, all water and water rights (whether riparian, appropriative, or otherwise, and whether or not appurtenant) used in connection therewith and all shares of stock evidencing the same.

DATED: San Francisco, California, November 23, 1949.

CORPORATION OF AMERICA,
a corporation, at Trustee,
By R. I. McCARTHY,
Assistant Treasurer

Publ. Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 1949.

SUMMONS
No. 9447

ACTION BROUGHT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, AND THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF NEVADA.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

LAURA H. FOSTER, Plaintiff, vs. DOROTHY VALANTINE, ELIZABETH A. VALANTINE, PERRY A. PHELPS, and MARCIA E. PHELPS, his wife, B. A. VALANTINE, RALPH CHILDERS, and DORIS CHILDERS, his wife, JAMES E. VALANTINE, Defendants.

The People of the State of California Send Greetings to Dorothy Valantine, Elizabeth A. Valantine, Perry A. Phelps, and Marcia E. Phelps, his wife, B. A. Valantine, Ralph Childers and Doris Childers, his wife, James A. Valantine, Defendants.

You are Hereby Directed to Appear, and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada within ten days after the service on you of this Summons — if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or I will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, this 28th day of September, A D. 1949.

R. E. DEEBLE, Clerk.
(SEAL)
JOHN L. LARUE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Publ. Nov 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949, Jan. 6, 13, 20, 1950.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
No 5030

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

In the Matter of the Estate of EMOGENE SHERMAN HANLEY, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN BY THE UNDERSIGNED, as Administrator of the estate of EMOGENE SHERMAN HANLEY, Deceased, to the Creditors of and all persons having claims against the said decedent to file them with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Nevada, or to exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers within six (6) months after the first publication of this notice to said Administrator, at the law offices of FRANK G. FINNEGAN, 232 Broad Street, Nevada City, California, the same being the place of business in all matters connected with the estate of said EMOGENE SHERMAN HANLEY, Deceased.

Dated this 2nd day of December, 1949.

ROBERT E. HANLEY,
Administrator.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Administrator.
Publ. Dec. 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949.

ACTION BROUGHT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, AND THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF NEVADA.
No. 9465

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

MARGARET SPAITE, Plaintiff vs. JAMES F. JUDD, ELMER A. WILSON, GEORGE JESSOP, CATHERINE JESSOP, and EARL ERICKSON, Administrator of the Estate of Robert H. Liddle, Defendants

The People of the State of California Send Greetings to James F. Judd, Elmer A. Wilson, George Jessop, Catherine Jessop, and Earl Erickson, Administrator of the Estate of Robert H. Liddle, Defendants:

You are Hereby Directed to Appear, and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this county; or within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgement for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or she will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, this 17th day of October, A D. 1949.

R. E. DEEBLE, Clerk.
(SEAL)
JOHN L. LARUE,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Publ. Nov 18, 25 ,Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949, Jan. 6, 13, 1950.

SUMMONS
No. 9483

ACTION BROUGHT IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA, AND THE COMPLAINT FILED IN THE OFFICE OF CLERK OF SAID COUNTY OF NEVADA.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF NEVADA.

DOROTHY BEHRBAUM, Plaintiff, vs. WILLIAM D. BEHRBAUM, Defendant.

The People of the State of California Send Greetings to WILLIAM D. BEHRBAUM, Defendant:

You are Hereby Directed to Appear, and answer the complaint in an action entitled as above, brought against you in the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada within ten days after the service on you of this Summons—if served within this county; within thirty days if served elsewhere.

And you are hereby notified that unless you appear and answer as above required, the said Plaintiff will take judgment for any money or damages demanded in the Complaint, as arising upon contract, or I will apply to the Court for any other relief demanded in the Complaint.

Given under my hand and seal of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Nevada, this 9th day of November, A. D. 1949.

R. E. DEEBLE, Clerk.
By RITA E. HUTCHISON,
(SEAL) Deputy Clerk.

FRANK G. FINNEGAN,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Publ. Nov. 11, 18, 25, Dec. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, 1949, Jan. 6, 1950.

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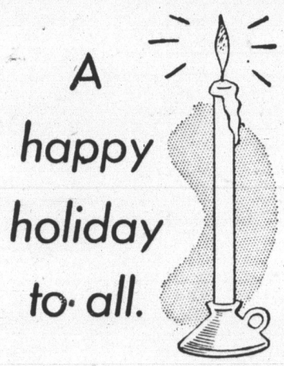

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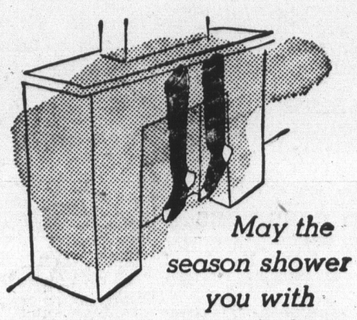

May the season shower you with excellent gifts of gladness.

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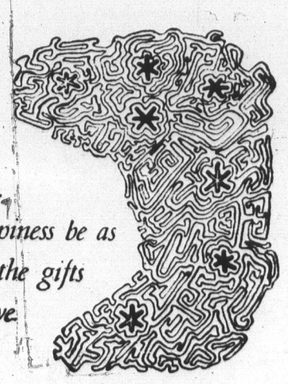

Top of the season to you. May your happiness be as plentiful as the gifts you give.

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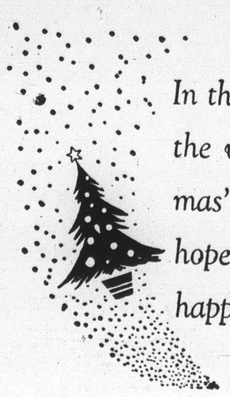

In the same cheery manner the words "Merry Christmas" come to you with our hope that all the season's happiness and joy be yours.

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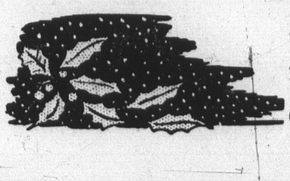
The Yule is a season for songs and rejoicing. Our earnest hope is that all you friendly people may share in this spirit to the utmost

And for what it's worth, we offer our heartiest wishes for a very Merry Christmas



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A NEW CHRISTMAS CAROL

In 1843 a young reporter on a London newspaper wrote a series of articles themed on the victory of Chrismas spirit over the evil motifs of life. One of them has become great as "The Christmas Carol," a story of the meanness and miserliness of Scrooge; the hopeless anticipation of Tiny Tim and the Cratchett family; and the happiness brought by the Christmas Spirit to the soul of Scrooge and the Cratchetts.

The following letter clipped from the Nevada Gazette is not exactly a Christmas story, but its emotional appeal is so very much like Dickens' classic that we are using it in place of a Christmas editorial.

Mrs. Conner, in her adjoining column, Just Wonderin' pens a far better Christmas message than it is in our power to write. Her words bespeak our thoughts of this present Christmas.

Incidentally, the letter below had a happy ending. Apparently, the thief, like the remorse stricken Scrooge, took his ill gotten gains to the Reno police station, and by means of this letter the police were able to return the suitcase with its contents intact.

Editor, The Gazette:

To the person who took the brown checked suitcase from a tan Plymouth sedan by the Southern Pacific station Sunday afternoon:

Please don't consider yourself a thief as of now. I give you the suitcase and its contents. Now go, and in your own way make your peace with God, and steal no more.

I hope you weren't disappointed in its contents. By that I mean I hope you have a little girl about four years old who can wear the clothes and play with the toys. We don't live in Reno, so feel free to use them. The bride doll was a present from her mother and there's a lot of history and sentiment attached to the bits of satin and lace that were used by my wife in making her outfit. However, you're not interested in that, I'm sure. But, please tell your little girl to treat it gently and enjoy it. Bobbie won't mind too much even though she was saving it "special" for her visit to her aunt in New York.

And the little yellow sun suit with the ruffles in back—our little girl looked so sweet in it my wife kept letting it out, so if your girl outgrows it, please give it to someone as it won't stand another alteration.

The white eyelet dress looks best when the neck string is drawn up tight. Bobbie had just learned to tie the bow . . .

When your wife washes those dainty colored dresses, tell her please not to hang them in the sun where they'll fade. Her brother, Dennis, who is staying at home with me, has a sun suit to match the blue and white seersucker one you'll find in the suitcase. They looked awfully sweet together. He also has a Trudy suit that matches the yellow one.

The pinafore is half of a mother-daughter outfit. Bobbie's little heart is going to break when mother wears hers, but . . . The pajamas were a present from me for her trip to her Aunt Jessie's and she'll have none to wear on the train as they left on Sunday and the stores were closed.

The other toys were to be presents to her two nephews in New York whom she has never seen. She'll hate to greet them empty handed. She bought them with "her very own money" from her clock bank.

And, last of all, the ballet slippers—truly, mister, I'm happy that you and I won't have to be there when Bobbie asks, "Mother, were are my ballet slippers?"

"They're gone, punkin, a man took them."

"But, they were mine—my very own."

"I know, Bobbie, I'm very sorry. Maybe we can buy another pair."

"But I wore those in my first recital. Can't you get them back, Mother, please?"

"No, sweetheart."

Then with tears streaming down her cheeks and her chin quivering, she lets out another stream of questions.

"Why did he take them? Does he have a little girl? How did he know they would fit?"

She was so very proud of them. We wanted to have them bronzed later on.

In closing, may I leave you with this tought. We can afford this loss; but, truly, mister, you cannot afford to steal! The price is much too high. Stealing is a sin and sin deprives us of our inheritance as children of God.

May God bless you.

BILL CLAYTON, Greenville, Calif.

Make one person happy each day and in forty years you have made 14,600 human beings happy for a little time at least.

No matter how good an idea is . . . it will never "work" unless you do also.

There's too much yearning for security nowadays . . . and too little spirit of adventure.

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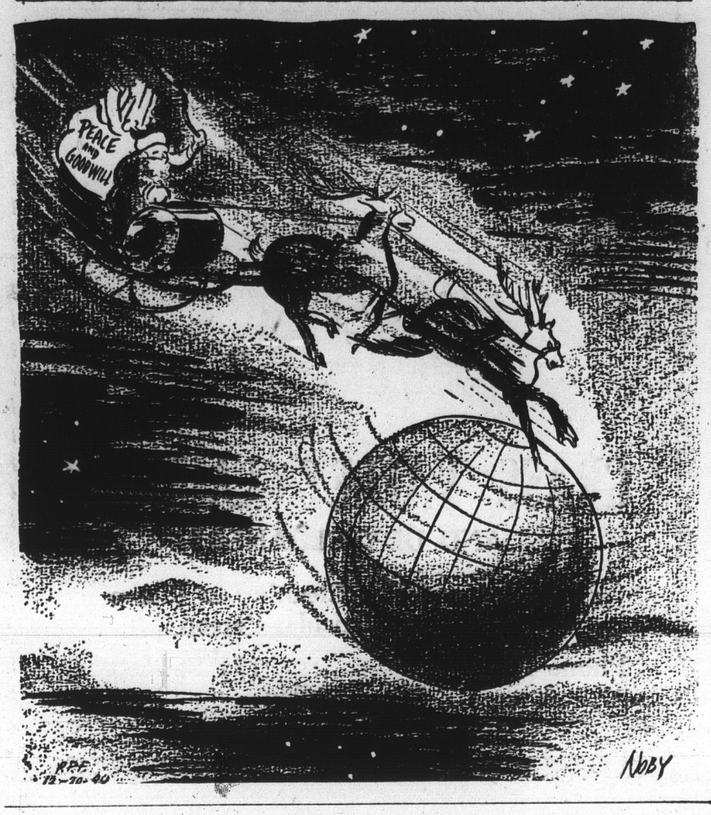

Just Wonderin'

I Wonder if all we are thinking
And doing while Christmas is near,
Will give us a permanent standard
For life in the coming New Year.

I Wonder if the upsurge of warmth and kindly sentiment which marks the Yuletide season, will remain in our hearts as a permanent possession to guide us through the year to come. We are at our best at Christmas time; we love our friends and our relatives more dearly, we forgive our enemies and feel kindly emotions swaying us through all the hours of each passing day.

Are we really so changed when the Christmas Spirit takes over, or are we inherently "gentle people who at times forget ourselves and act like naughty children?" It does seem that at times each one of us is a split personality; like the little girl with the "curl in the middle of her forehead," we are very good or simply horrid with all shades between the two, but it is to be hoped that the lessons of yuletide may not be soon forgotten and that we may keep our naughtiness in abeyance and let the good within us shine forth at all times and in all seasons.

I wonder if you have wished all your good wishes, written all the cards and letters which you intended to, given to others of the cheer and kindliness which you feel in the presence of this great anniversary and feel that you are now ready for the final ceremonies and for those which will herald the coming of a New Year.

Just now, I would like to wish for everyone who will pause to read these lines, a Merry, Merry Christmas, with genial friends about you and festive boards before you. Be convivial, but not too convivial, have fun in moderation, be joyous and above all keep for yourself the tender warmth and beauty of the day with all its beautiful memories and its lessons of love and understanding fellowship.

I hope that the little reckless sprite which we call the New Year, who is even now sliding down the banisters of time, will bring you a plenitude of blessings, health, happiness and success; may all your ships come home from sea, heavily laden with your heart's fondest desires, and may the Spirit of this wonderful season be with you for every day of the twelve months ahead.

Poor old Forty-Nine; as he passes by, take a good look at him. He is what we have made him, you know, so it ill behooves us to berate him, or charge him with the many things in our lives and in our nation which have gone awry.

It would not surprise me if little 1950, would take a long appraising look at 1949 as they pass each other on a night soon to be, and then go scrambling back up the stairway of time, saying:

"Carry on, old timer, I'm going to get back in the files and keep myself intact." Oh dear, I do hope that won't happen, but truly Forty-Nine is a bit battered and disarranged and it is we who are to blame.

No, the New Year will not slip back into the files of time, he will come as per schedule, with the usual precious gift of three hundred sixty-five days for us to grace or mar. What shall we do with them, how shall we spend them? How will each one of them look at its close? Such a precious gift of days, what must we do to make them shine?

Peace upon Earth, Good Will to Men! The song rings out across the years,
Putting our anxious doubts to flight, calming and comforting our fears.

A merry Christmas, dear, dear people, and a glad New Year.

ADELINE MERRIAM CONNER.

If the speaker doesn't strike oil in his first two minutes, he might as well stop boring.

A glad hander is a character with one hand on your shoulder and the other hand in your pocket.

People who step high . . . usually fall quite a way.

Tales of Nevada County From Long Ago to Now

H. P. DAVIS

THE NAMING OF "NEVADA"

In March, 1850, the aggregation of tents, brush and shake shanties and log cabins in the flat and scattered over the surrounding hills housed not less than a thousand gold seekers. The settlement was growing rapidly and the need for organized government was increasingly apparent. In the latter part of March some two hundred fifty men met and, in conformity with procedure enjoined by the U. S. military authorities, elected an alcalde, a judicial officer under the Mexican law. Mr. Stamps, perhaps because of his status as a family man, was chosen for this office. Having achieved the dignity of an organized community a more appropriate name than Deer Creek Dry Diggings, or Caldwell's Upper Store was determined upon. For this purpose a meeting was held in the new hotel of Wormack and Kenzie. At this meeting, attended by the principal merchants, miners and a number of gamblers who were in the early days conspicuously active in political affairs, champagne was freely circulated and the discussion waxed hot.

Fearing that the meeting would end in a riot, O. P. Blackman, a merchant of Main Street, proposed that the name be selected by ballot, and this being agreed upon each man present deposited in a hat a slip of paper upon which was written the name for which he had been contending. After the elimination of such names as Aurora, Sierra, Deer Creek, and Gold Run the count showed a majority of votes for Nevada, the name first proposed by Mr. Blackman.

Although "The City of Nevada" was incorporated in 1851, this town was, for many years, generally known as "Nevada" and was so designated on maps and in early histories and newspapers.

It is here of interest to note that Nevada county, when created in May, 1851, took its name from the town Nevada and that Nevada Territory, in the creation of which a number of ex-residents of this county were prominently identified, was organized 11 years after this town had been christened "Nevada." It is a matter of record that the people of Nevada City vigorously protested the naming of the "Washoe country after their beautiful and increasingly populous city."

Coyote Diggings—Coyoteville. In May (1850) came the first indication of the existence of the auriferous ancient river channels, discovery of which was to give a vast impetus to the growth and importance of Nevada county.

Miners working up the ravines which debouch into Deer creek near the present Broad and Main street bridges discovered, greatly to their mystification, that the "pay dirt" which they were working did not peter out as they dug into the banks, but persisted even under heavy overburden upon which great trees were growing. Few of these men had knowledge of mining other than that gained in a few weeks or months in the California diggings. They had here encountered a condition hitherto unknown in mining and had no inkling of the significance of their discovery. To them, however, gold was where you found it, and as this gravel was of unusual richness they lost no time in futile speculation but proceeded to gopher out the pay dirt by such primitive means as were within their ken. As these men drove into the banks it became increasingly evident that the ravines were not, as they believed water courses in which gold had gradually accumulated as in the flowing streams to which they had been accustomed. It dawned upon them that the little streamlets which had formed the ravines had not only carved their way through overburden, but had cut to bedrock a strata of auriferous gravel.

As more and more men swarmed to this new camp, and the area of operations extended, deeper shafts were sunk in ground further up the slopes and rather than attempt to strip off the non-productive overlying soil, these pioneers of ancient river channel mining enlarged their shafts at the bottom and even drove tunnels or drifts on the bedrock, extracting the rich gravel and leaving the overburden undisturbed. This, until the art of timbering became better understood, was dangerous mining but so highly profitable that despite many serious accidents hundreds of men spent their working hours delving for gold many feet below the surface of the earth.

Quartz mining had not yet been inaugurated and the miners' regulations for this district limited claims to 30x30 feet, and as each man was confined to the limits of his location, the ravines, slopes and little flats from Coyote Ravine to and beyond Oregon Ravine soon became dotted with innumerable little dumps. The novel picture presented by this new and unusual camp bore such fancied resemblance to the burrows of a coyote village that this new type of mining became known as "coyote digging."

Some of the pits and shafts failed to encounter pay dirt but many of them struck it rich. From one 30x30 foot claim $40,000 was produced in less than a month, and in the fall of 1850 hundreds of men who had come to California to "make their pile" left for their homes with substantial sums.

It has been estimated that from the coyote diggings and subsequent ground sluicing, drift mining and hydraulicking, the slopes north of this town and drifts under Harmony Ridge have yielded more than 240,000 ounces in gold.

Of Coyoteville, now incorporated in Nevada City, no evidence remains. The site of the town and dumps of the innumerable coyote workings have long since been washed away by ground sluicing or covered with the debris of later hydraulic operations.